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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CRITICAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF
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1. THE APRIL 20 EDITION OF DIKALO, A MODERATE
DOUALA-BASED FRANCOPHONE WEEKLY, CARRIES ON THE LAST
PAGE A THREE-COLUMN ARTICLE BY EKOB'A NJEMBU ENTITLED
"PAX AMERICANA" WHICH CRITICIZES U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS. EXCERPTS, AS TRANSLATED BY
POST, FOLLOW.

2. CONCERNING THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN MALI, MR.
NJEMBU WRITES: "IT IS NO LESS TRUE THAT ALPHA OUMAR
KONARE HAS A SOLID CLAIM TO POWER. EVEN IF HERMAN

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COHEN - WITH A NAME LIKE THAT, ONE COULD ONLY BE AN AMERICAN - RECKONS THAT THE MALIAN ELECTORAL LAW IS NOT GOOD. INEVITABLY. THE MALIANS HAVING FORGOTTEN THAT FOR SOMETHING TO BE DONE RIGHT, WASHINGTON HAS TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL."

3. CONCERNING LIBYA, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES: "AIR EMBARGO FIRST, AND THEN WHAT? KHADAFI, WHO IS FAR FROM BEING KIND-HEARTED, HAS NONETHELESS HAD THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN BOMBARDMENT OF LIBYA COMMEMORATED. BALANCE SHEET FOR THIS BOMBARDMENT: 35 DEATHS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE ADOPTED DAUGHTER OF THE LIBYAN LEADER. A REALLY GOOD AND OPPORTUNE REMINDER. AS SEVERAL VOICES IN EUROPE HAVE EMPHASIZED, THIS ATTACK, FOR WHICH RONALD REAGAN, THE INSTIGATOR, WAS ONLY MILDLY REPROACHED, IS NO LESS REPREHENSIBLE THAN THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO LIBYA. AND MORE."

4. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CRITICIZE AMERICA FOR INSINUATING ITSELF INTO AREAS WHERE IT ALLEGEDLY DOESN'T BELONG, NOTABLY THE ISSUE OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE CFA FRANC AND THE INVASION OF PANAMA. IN THIS REGARD, MR. NJEMBU WRITES: "...THE END OF THE COLD WAR HAS PUT THE WORLD UNDER THE THUMB OF THE AMERICANS. THEY ARE EVERYWHERE, GIVING LESSONS HERE, BLAMING THERE, THREATENING OVER THERE. THEY ARE SO SURE OF THEIR ACTIONS THAT SOME OF THEM EVEN TALK ABOUT THINGS THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. LIKE HERMAN COHEN WHO DOESN'T STOP RANTING, PROCLAIMING AND DEMANDING THE DEVALUATION OF THE CFA FRANC. BUT AS SOON AS ONE ASKS HIM WHY, HE ANSWERS DEADPAN, 'I'M NOT AN ECONOMIST.' IS TH8T A BIT MUCH? NOT AT ALL. HERMAN COHEN IS AMERICAN AND THE AMERICANS, THEY HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS. EVEN THAT OF INVADING AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, PANAMA, AND HAVING THE PRESIDENT...ARRESTED FOR EXTRADITION TO MIAMI. UNDER THE PRETEXT OF THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS. IF THE UNITED STATES WORKED AS RELENTLESSLY TO TRACK DOWN POVERTY IN THE WORLD AS IT DOES TO TRACK DOWN 'ITS' DRUG TRAFFICKERS, 'ITS' TERRORISTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT GIVES THEM HIVES, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE COLOMBIAN PEASANTS WOULD HAVE NO NEED TO PLANT COCA. PAX AMERICANA "

5. CONCERNING THE RECENT TRIAL OF THE NAZI PAUL TOUVIER IN FRANCE, MR. EJUMBE WRITES: "PAX AMERICANA? NOT IN FRANCE, IN ANY EVENT, WHERE THE AMERICANS HAVE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE DISMISSAL FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE OF THE CASE AGAINST THE NAZI, PAUL TOUVIER, WHO WAS NONETHELESS ACCUSED, LIKE KLAUS BARBIE, OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY."

6. CONTRASTING THE OUTCOME OF THE TOUVIER CASE WITH THAT OF THE ARAB TERRORIST FOUAD ALI SALEH, WHO WAS CONDEMNED IN PERPETUITY BY A FRENCH TRIBUNAL, MR. NJEMBU WRITES: "THE AMERICANS WOULD CERTAINLY NEVER HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE CLEMENCY OF THE TRIBUNAL IN HIS CASE. HIM, AN ARAB "

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